



And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Matthew 26:30

Intro: Chances are that somewhere in the world right now there is a Jew who is singing, chanting, or reciting Psalm 118. This 'Egyptian Hallel' Psalm was sung by those returning from captivity and it is sung at Shavuot, Tabernacles [John 7:37], Passover and many other occasions. It was sung by the crowds when Jesus made His triumphal entry and by Jesus and His disciples when He instituted the Lord's Table. It will be sung at the Messiah's Second Coming and annually for 1000 years at the Feast of Tabernacles in the Millennium.

Why is this song different than any other song?

The New Testament quotes this chapter more than any chapter in the Bible. It reveals the wonder of God's redemptive love and provision for His people and is a bridge between the Old and New Covenants.

This Messianic song [psalm] reveals that...

1. **He Loves me** [Chesed] :1-4 One thing is sure, God's 'chesed' lasts forever. And forever can start today.
2. **He Answers Prayer** :5-7 The psalmist 'calls' on God who sends help and dispels fear.
3. **He Can Be Trusted** :8-9 This verse is the 'center' verse of the Bible and declares it is always best to place trust in He who is divinely trustworthy.
4. **His Name is Powerful** :10-13 The Heb word to 'destroy' meant to 'cut off.' The power of the 'Name' of God cuts off the flow of the power of evil.
5. **He is My Strength and Song** :14-16 Moses says this in Ex 15:2. The right hand of God [symbol of strength] is the source of my strength and the reason I sing.
6. **He is My Resurrection** :17-18 In salvation I die with Him [has chastened me] but I will also live with Him. Gal 2:20
7. **He is My Salvation** :19-24 Jesus is the Gate of the Lord. Jesus was the stone that was rejected but it was all in the plan of YHWY.
8. **He is My Light** :25-27 This Psalm was sung as Jesus entered the city on a donkey. He is the light of the world and given us light. He was the Lamb of God bound to the cross.
9. **He is My God** :28-29 The final declaration is the LORD is our God and He is good and His mercy [love] lasts forever. (Vs 1 and vs 29 are identical.)

Psalm 118 (NKJV)

(1) :1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! **For His mercy endures forever.** :2 Let Israel now say, "**His mercy endures forever.**" :3 Let the house of Aaron now say, "**His mercy endures forever.**" :4 Let those who fear the LORD now say, "**His mercy endures forever.**"

(2) :5 I called on the LORD in distress; The LORD answered me and set me in a broad place. :6 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? :7 The LORD is for me among those who help me; Therefore I shall see my desire on those who hate me.

(3) :8 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. :9 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

(4) :10 All nations surrounded me, but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them. :11 They surrounded me, yes, they surrounded me; But in the name of the LORD I will destroy them. :12 They surrounded me like bees; They were quenched like a fire of thorns; For in the name of the LORD I will destroy them. :13 You pushed me violently, that I might fall, but the LORD helped me.

(5) :14 The LORD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation. :15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly. :16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

(6) :17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. :18 The LORD has chastened me severely, but He has not given me over to death.

(7) :19 Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, and I will praise the LORD. :20 This is the gate of the LORD, through which the righteous shall enter. :21 I will praise You, for You have answered me, and have become my salvation. :22 The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. :23 This was the LORD's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes. :24 This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

(8) :25 Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity. :26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD. :27 God is the LORD, and **He has given us light**; Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

(9) :28 You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You. :29 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

LORD=Jehovah [YHWH] Ex 3:14